



Islip, NY – Islip Town and Suffolk County officials recently discussed the important dredging project in Champlin's Creek, which divides Islip and East Islip and empties into the Great South Bay.

The project was proposed in order to remove excess sand from the creek, which would keep the waterway passable for boaters. Suffolk County offered equipment and personnel to assist in the dredging.

On the town level, the project was spearheaded by Councilman John Edwards. To ensure the well-being of the marine life in the creek, special permission from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was needed to complete the dredging. The sand was used to bolster nearby Islip Beach.

"This creek has been virtually unusable to area residents and the almost 100 boats that are docked here," said Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan. "I applaud County Executive Steve Levy for working with myself and Councilman John Edwards to research this issue and secure the resources to dredge this vital area."

The project was completed in late May.

Pictured (above, left to right) are Town Councilman Steve Flotteron, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, Town Supervisor Phil Nolan, Councilman Gene Parrington, and Councilwoman Trish Bergin.

Pictured below is the Suffolk County barge used in the project.

